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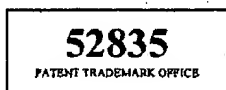
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Dear Commissioner:

Pertaining to the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully assert that on September 5, 2000, an Information Disclosure Statement was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. However, the Form 1449 has not been returned to the undersigned as being considered by the Examiner. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed on the Form 1449 was not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent applications, U.S. Serial No. 08/847,745 filed on April 22, 1997 and in U.S. Serial No. 09/255,253, filed on February 22, 1999.

In addition, the Applicants respectfully assert that on June 5, 2001, an Information Disclosure Statement was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. However, the reference JP 8-248026, filed September 27, 1996 in Japan was not initialed by the Examiner as being considered. We attach herewith the aforementioned reference for the Examiner's convenience in consideration.

Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the attached Forms 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with an official communication.



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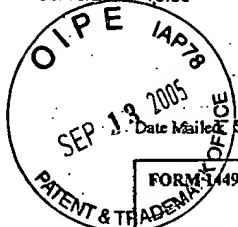
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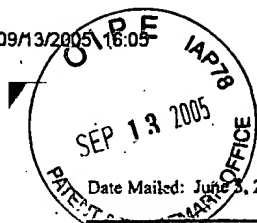
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